

PROGRAM FOR OVERHEAD PHOTOGRAPHIC
RECONNAISSANCE OF CUBA

1. The intelligence needs of the Executive Committee of the National Security Council with respect to Cuba have been noted by the United States Intelligence Board. A reasonable program for photographic reconnaissance of Cuba calls for high-level coverage of approximately twenty high-priority targets once a week and surveillance of all priority targets at least twice a month. Two high-level missions a day flown under predictable weather conditions can accomplish this. If bad weather precludes flying, missions postponed should be flown later when weather permits in addition to the scheduled two-a-day.

2. Low-level photography will be needed only when high-level photography or other intelligence sources reveal ominous or suspicious activity that cannot be fully assessed without larger scale photography, or when weather or other factors preclude high-level coverage of the highest priority targets at least every two weeks. In addition, low-level missions should be flown if it is impossible to secure adequate high-level photography within three days of arrival of large hatch freighters in a Cuban port.